

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 446
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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study issues relative to special and cultural license plates.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this General Assembly is called upon to adopt legislation to create and issue special and cultural license plates, as enumerated in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Parts 2 and 3; and

WHEREAS, the growth in the number of special and cultural license plates has resulted in a significant increase in the workloads of county clerks and their staffs, many of whom are struggling with administrative and budgetary restraints; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of such special and cultural license plates also has fiscal and administrative impacts on state government, ranging from raising revenues for the general fund and the Tennessee Arts Commission to administering the program in the department of safety; and

WHEREAS, the practice of earmarking revenues generated by the sale of special and cultural license plates for varying particular special purposes and recipients raises significant issues of public policy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That there is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relative to special and cultural license plates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers, with at least one (1) member from the House of Representatives and the Senate to be selected from the standing Transportation Committee of each house.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and any other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundredth General Assembly on or before February 15, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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